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## 3,000 LIVES LOST?

### TYPHOON TOLL AT COAST PORT.

#### Yeung Kong Fleet Tragedy.

#### GALLANT RESCUE BY BRITISH STEAMER "HYDRANGEA."

Three thousand lives are believed to have perished in the typhoon, the victims being of the Yeung Kong fishing fleet.

The thrilling experiences of the crews of fishing fleets from Yeung Kong in Chinese territory (not far from Macao) were related by the survivors of ten junks who were rescued from the wreckage by Captain R. Elvidge of the s.s. "Hydrangea" between 2 and 3.15 p.m. yesterday, south of Hong Kong, the exact position being given at Lat. 21.7 N. Long. 111.10 E.

Captain Elvidge in his report stated that the ten junks were a mass of wreckage, four of them considered to be dangerous to navigation within a radius of five miles of the position given.

Rescue Under Difficulties.  
Heavy seas were running at the time and the rescue of 36 survivors who were clinging for dear life to the wreckage was effected with considerable difficulty—a feat accomplished with great gallantry and at the risk of the lives of the crew of the vessel. Wreckage was floating about all around.

Passengers on the vessel were moved to sympathy at the pitiful appearance of the survivors as one by one they were hauled on to the deck clad in what little rags were left after the fury of the storm.

A voluntary subscription among the crew and passengers of the "Hydrangea" realised the sum of \$200 which was handed to the survivors to help them in their sad plight. The recipients gratefully acknowledged the gift.

Survivors' Narrative.  
When they were sufficiently recovered from their long immersion in the water and floating by the waves, with the careful attention given by the crew and passengers on board, the survivors related their experiences from the time they were caught by the typhoon until they were rescued.

It appears from their narrative that the 35 men were part of the crews of ten junks which were out at sea on Monday morning.

140 Junks Capsized.  
At that time there were about 150 other junks within sight of each other all carrying out their occupation with nothing to indicate the fate which was in store for them.

The typhoon struck the junks at 10 o'clock in the morning and almost without exception as far as those who lived to tell the tale could see, all the junks capsized in the terrific gale which kept on continuously for about 14 hours.

Those rescued formed only a small part of the crews of the ten junks which were carried away by wind and wave, as one by one dropped out exhausted. They had been afloat for 36 hours.

Enormous Death Toll.  
The survivors state that in their unit of ten junks there were 270 other souls, who are all believed

### WHY THE STORM.

#### REASON FOR TO-DAY'S BAD WEATHER.

#### MONSOON & TYPHOON.

A fairly heavy blow, with almost unceasing rain, made its presence felt last night and continues. The present storm is due to the joint presence of Monday's typhoon and the monsoon in this part of the weather map.

The typhoon which passed near the Colony was near Tourane, in Indo-China this morning, going in a westerly direction and still "severe."

Earlier expectations that it would fill-up have not been borne out but it is felt that conditions in Indo-China will have moderated by this time to-morrow, with the local weather also improving.

Ships in the South.

When a typhoon and the monsoon are present together, intense winds are caused a long way from the centre, hence the "blow" felt here and the disturbed atmospheres.

At present there is a fairly steep

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to have perished.

On a conservative estimate of 20 persons on each of the other 130 junks, it would appear that no fewer than 3,000 lives have been lost.

The survivors have lost everything they possessed and it is their intention to stay here a few days, before leaving for Macao from which place they hope to get to Yeung Kong.

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Even the crack regiments of the

gradient of pressure, in the vicinity, extending over a large area. Hong Kong's bad weather is attributable to these conditions.

Ships to the south of the Colony must be having a bad time just now unless fairly secure in port. It is expected that reports from incoming shipping during the next few days will be unfavourable.

That a stiff breeze was blowing was abundantly evident on the harbour.

Blow in Harbour.

The 9 p.m. ferry from Kowloon last night took 10 minutes to get across the harbour and another 10 minutes to go alongside the wharf.

A high sea was running and either the wind or current may have acted against the ferry. She got head on first, secured a rope, and then gradually worked in on her engines.

Small craft and motor-boats were badly tossed about but there was no "typhoon danger."

Few residents woke this morning to find a strong gale blowing and some expected that the signals had gone up again, but there is no "local" warning.

TO-MORROW'S FORECAST.

For the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow the weather forecast is (Hong Kong and coast) East winds, strong, moderating; overcast, rain; (Formosa Channel) Northeast winds, fresh.

To-day's report by the Observatory reads:—

A severe typhoon within 60 miles of Lat. 17 N. Long. 117 E., moving W.N.W.

At 6 a.m. this morning the typhoon, which has become severe, was near Lat. 16 N. and Long. 11 E., moving West.

Pressure has increased slightly over N.E. Japan, Formosa and Luzon. It has decreased moderately at Tourane and slightly at Haiphong. It is nearly stationary at other reporting stations.

Rainfall until 10 a.m. to-day, .79 inch. Total to date, 90.83 inches, against an average of 75.50 inches.

## CANTON LOSING.

### Northern Allies Advance Continues.

#### CHANG'S TERMS FOR PEACE.

Yang Sen Marching Down on Hankow.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

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## BOYCOTT END.

### Opposed Reports As to Pickets.

#### NEWS FROM ALL SOURCES.

Latest Developments Prior to October 1.

No further official statement has been issued by Canton on the settlement of the boycott.

Opinion remains unchanged. The Chinese, particularly at Canton, are confident that the pickets will be completely withdrawn by October 10 at the latest and that there will be no interference with traffic, either way.

Foreigners are still doubtful as to the outcome.

There is a little more evidence of pickets leaving outposts for

## YANGTSE TROUBLE.

### Yang Sen Trying to Save Face.

#### AN AMICABLE SETTLEMENT.

Latest Reports of Interference with Ships.

Private advice received in the Colony indicates that an amicable settlement of the Wansien affair is predicted.

With the return of the two B. & S. ships to the British Navy, it is felt that negotiations will be followed by a mutual understanding, implying resumption of British shipping on the upper Yangtze as hitherto.

Pressure has been brought to bear on General Yang Sen; it is thought, by the Chinese authorities.

In spite of Kuomintang publications hinting that Yang Sen would go over to the Nationalist side, he now seems to be trying to make amends.

Agitation Continues.  
The despatch of troops down the Yangtze to assist in the campaign against the southerners is construed as an effort to "save political face."

Both Marshal Chang Tso-lin and Wu Pei-fu are said to favour a friendly understanding to wipe out the past.

Agitators in central China and in Szechuan province are still reported to be busy stirring up anti-British feeling. Native merchants think that unless there is other support, the movement will not have any lasting effect.

#### Students Demonstrate.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Chafoo, Sept. 20.

The students of some of the schools here made a feeble attempt at a demonstration during the week to emphasise the fact that such affairs as "the Wansien incident" must not be allowed to pass unnoticed by such an august body.

As they marched here and there they profusely scattered abusive tracts, calling upon all patriots to be up and doing by getting rid of all foreigners from China as quickly as possible.

Hankow, Sept. 29.

French and American vessels have been commanded to bring down troops from the upper Yangtze.—Official Despatch.

#### APOLOGY FOR FIRING.

Hankow, Sept. 24.

A telegram received by the French authorities in Shanghai from Hankow yesterday states that General Chang Kai-shek, the Cantonese leader, has sent a letter to the French Consul at Hankow offering his apologies for the firing on the French gunboat "Bainy" by the southern troops.—"Central China Post."

Crisis Blown Over.

The crisis between the foreign Admirals and the Cantonese General at Hankow has blown over owing to a change of front on the part of Chang Kai-shek.

It is reported that the naval commanders were impervious to his warning that all men-of-war should move downstream he submitted as an explanation that his request was that they should restrict their movements to waters in front of the Hankow Confessions. His first "order," he explained was meant to apply only to the stretch of river between Hanyang and Wuchang.

It seems to have been tacitly agreed after consultation with the foreign shipping companies not to contravene these modified regulations, as it is realisation of the extension of the Southern power necessitates the concession of some measure of belligerency status.

A similar toleration has also been introduced at Swatow and on the Siang River.—"N. C. Daily News."

#### Official Complaisance.

Hankow, Sept. 24.

Having been given the right to search foreign vessels, the militiamen have taken another step forward, and between noon and 1.00 p.m. yesterday, as Jardine Matheson's "Ewo II" was entering the harbour she was boarded at Kilmote 10, and the officer in charge of the party of soldiers commandeered her and her

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MR. BOYCOTT GETS THE BIRD.

Mr. Eugene Chen has announced that the Canton Government has made arrangements with the Strike Committee for the boycott to terminate..... possibly by the end of September. To-day is the last of the month. Above is the cartoonist's conception of "Mr. Boycott" today. (See also page 6.)

Cadets are failing to stem the advance of the allies.

The southern arm of Sun Chuan-fang's army has not ejected the Cantonese from Kiangsi province but are nearer doing so than at any stage of the campaign.

Conditions of Truce.

Hence, General Chang Kai-shek's reported suggestion of a truce on the condition that he vacated Kiangsi. The presumption is that Sun Chuan-fang will be asked to release his grip on Hupeh. The outcome is unknown but hostilities are still bitter, several determined actions having been fought.

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## DRUNKEN SAILOR.

### SCENE AT THE MURRAY BARRACKS.

#### SEQUEL IN COURT.

A Norwegian sailor named Omerik Gopen was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning for acting in a disorderly manner at Murray Barracks.

Evidence was given by two East Surrey men that the defendant brushed past the sentry and caused considerable stir by chasing a boy out of the barracks until he was taken in hand by an escort.

Defendant pleaded that he had no recollection of what he did. A Norwegian interpreter pointed out that drinking was prohibited in Norway and the seaman took every opportunity to get drunk when they were out of the country. He also said that defendant had missed his boat.

His Worship held this to be no excuse for entering the barracks and causing a nuisance. Defendant was fined \$5.

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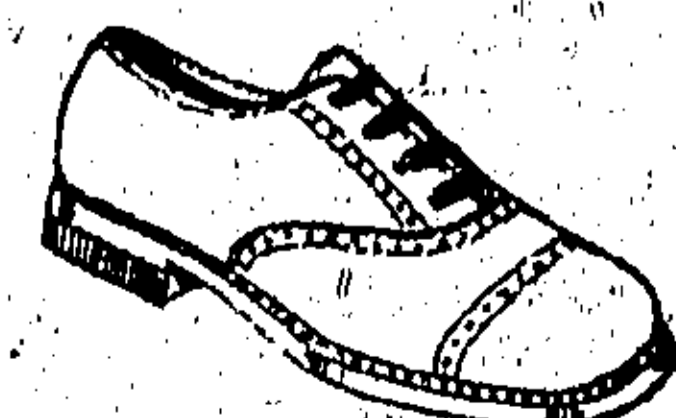
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Hong Kong, 25th Sept., 1926.

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**SMOKE NUISANCE.****SUMMONS AGAINST SINCERE COMPANY.****PROSECUTION FAILS.**

A Sanitary Department summons to abate a smoke nuisance at the rear of the Sincere Company's factory at Kailung Street, Kowloon, was mentioned before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defendants.

Giving evidence, a Sanitary Inspector stated that as a result of complaints he watched a chimney at the factory and saw black smoke issuing from it on two dates.

Mr. Lo argued that the smoke was not in such large quantities as to constitute a nuisance, and he asked His Worship to regard the circumstances of the case, including the nature of the district and the nature of the industries carried on there.

His Worship agreed with Mr. Lo and dismissed the summons.

**BE STRONG & WORK.****SERMON BY THE REV. W. T. FEATHERSTONE.**

The following is a Sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Featherstone at St. John's Cathedral last Sunday:

Haggai Chapter 2 Verses 4 and 9: "Be strong all ye people of the land and work."

The glory of the latter house shall be greater than of the former; and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts.

This, the prophet of Haggai and Zechariah both from their precise dates and clear historical references are of unique value for a study of the history of Israel after her exile. No doubt the text has suffered in transmission but the sense is always clear. Of Haggai's personal history we know nothing, of his parentage nothing is known. He lived about the year 520 B.C.

In B.C. 539 Cyrus was King of Persia, he extended the Persian authority over Asia Minor. In 539 B.C. Syria and Palestine were conquered.

In 521 B.C. Darius extended the sway of Persia into Europe; in his reign the power of Persia reached its highest point; he founded colonies, taxation was systematised.

When the Jews were assessed, he made a system of good roads, he had a system of posts, etc.

In this century, that is the sixth century B.C., the Jews gradually returned from exile. Darius was very sympathetically disposed towards them and allowed Zerubbabel a retinue of Jews including almost certainly some of priestly descent.

Zerubbabel's appointment removed whatever political obstacles had hitherto prevented the restoration of the temple.

Taking advantage of the new moon festival, approximately on Sept. 1 B.C. 520, Haggai preached a sermon urging the rebuilding of the Temple. So great was his eloquence that work was begun almost immediately and by October 21 sufficient progress had been made in clearing away ruins etc., to allow of a formal laying of the foundation stone.

On that occasion Haggai preached another sermon of encouragement.

Two months later on December 24, owing to some signs of lessening enthusiasm for the work and because the people stopped building before the work was fully completed he made another urgent appeal to them to complete the rebuilding of the temple.

He tells the people they managed to make themselves comfortable in paneled houses before they showed any zeal in rebuilding the temple and reviving the sacrificial worship of Jehovah. Haggai rebuked the people and roused them to their duty. A summary of his message is found in my text "Be strong all ye people of the land and work."

The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former; and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts.

This was the chapter and the message which the Staff and scholars of the Diocesan Boys' School read together on Friday morning last when for the first time in the history of the New School at Kowloon, they used their new large Hall for School Prayers.

Let me to-night give you a brief outline of the history of this school which is one of the oldest institutions in the Colony. Its history dates back to March 15, 1880 when Lady Robinson and a Committee of eight Ladies started a Diocesan Native Female Training School. The first Prospectus sounds rather quaint; it states: "The object of the institution is not to provide for the Friendless and the Destitute; there are other excellent establishments which have this in view. The present is rather an effort to introduce among a somewhat superior class of Native Females the blessings of Christianity and of Religious Training."

And then with regard to ourselves, individually let us see to it that in body, mind and spirit we do not get slack. Let us take to ourselves individually the message of the prophet Haggai: "Be strong and work" and let us see to it that in ourselves we do our bit in making the glory of the latter house greater than of the former. It is only then that we can expect the peace which cometh from the Lord of Hosts.

In 1889-70 the Constitution of the Institution was somewhat changed and Orphan Children of both sexes, sound both in body and mind of European, Chinese and Eurasian parentage and such other children as may be deemed "eligible" were admitted. At this time it was decided "to extend the benefits of the education given in the School to a few cases of both sexes of Eurasians from all parts of China and Japan, so far did the Diocese of Victoria then extend."

The Registers of the School are complete from 1874 and a few entries date to 1870 when a Chinese girl was rescued from a pirates' junk. Of the first twenty-five entries in the School twenty Chinese and Eurasians came from the following places:—Amoy, Shanghai, Formosa, Hankow, Bangkok, Ningpo, and Swatow, and five from Hong Kong.

About the year 1890 a Diocesan Girls' School was started and the old foundation has been a Boys' School only since that date.

Early in the 20th Century the premises of the old school on Bonham Road were regarded as inadequate for the growing importance of the School and for the growth in numbers.

In 1917-18 the first steps were taken to get a new site for the School. Eventually a very fine site of 23 acres at Kowloon was given by the Government. The site formation began in March 1924 and the buildings in August 1924. The total cost was to be about seven thousand dollars. The money was obtained very largely by the sale of the old site which was sold for \$186,000.00. In 1925 there were about 330 Day Boys and 100 Boarders, of whom 75% were Chinese. Then in the middle of the building came the political trouble. The plans had to be cut down at once and one complete storey has been omitted. Difficulties arose in connection with the sale and purchase money of the old site. We also lost about 30 Boarders and 100 Day Boys who paid full fees and as a result the Orphanage side of the School has been a heavy strain on the Schools' finances. There are now about 300 boys in the School, of which number 65 to 70 are Boarders.

Nevertheless in March last, in contract time, we moved into the incomplete building. Now we are much happier; our School Hall was finished ten days ago. The School Committee visited the buildings last Monday and we used the Hall on Friday for the first time for School Prayers. Much still remains to be done and the message we took to ourselves was "Be strong and work, the glory of the latter house shall be greater than of the former." Later in the year an opportunity will be given to people in general to see the buildings and grounds and I suppose, to assist in the work.

And cannot we also take the exhortation of Haggai to ourselves in our general Church Work. In making the history of this Colony and in our own lives. We look around the Cathedral and this Colony; we see the legacies of past years and of past lives; we see the very many great works of charity and the many benefits which have been given to people around us. Sometimes we are apt to take too much for granted and to forget our own responsibilities, sometimes we are apt to stop work before the completion of an effort.

Are we strong in our Church Work? Do we work? Are we determined enough to make the glory of the latter work greater than of the former—that is do we as a body seek actively the extension of Christ's kingdom around us. It was a great surprise to me in looking up the old records of the school to read of this Committee of nine Ladies in 1880 (I hardly realised that there were so many English women here at such an early date) taking such an interest in spreading the blessings of Christianity and of Religious Training. I wonder how many of us take a practical interest in the lives of the hundreds of thousands of people who live around us. How many of us, for example, have ever visited to homes of our servants and of the people we employ. There is no need to go to other cities. Within almost a few yards of our offices and indeed of some of our houses there are sad social conditions and problems, as there are in all large cities. We must not be revolutionaries, but we should all strive to be reformers and to complete the work in hand, and we can only be reformers, we can only make things better, if we as a body have knowledge, if we are strong and if we work.

**III.**

Richard Bathelmess reverts to a modern role in "Twenty-One," a First National attraction; to be shown at the Star Theatre from to-day till Saturday. Dick portrays the leading role and he is surrounded by a cast headed by Dorothy Mackall who again appears opposite him and others of importance including Bradley Barker, Joe King, Dorothy Cumming, Elsie Lawson, Ivan Simpson, Nellie Parker Spaulding and Helen Tracy. John S. Robertson directed the production.

The story of "Twenty-One" deals with the struggles of a youth whose parents have permitted him to grow up according to their whim and not according to his wishes. He is the spoiled darling of his society-loving mother, and when he meets the factory girl with whom he falls in love, he rebels against the circumstances and drops his mother's fast crowd for her company. He gets into a scrap on her account and is licked by his father who threatens to have him arrested as an incorrigible.

But he turns the tables on his parents by running away from home and getting work as a taxi driver. Later he blunders into a nest of taxi bandits and in saving his father from their blackmailing schemes, he proves his manhood, marrying in the end the girl of his choice.

**BOULDER CRASH.****INQUIRY INTO POKFULAM DISASTER.****"ACCIDENTAL DEATH."**

At the resumed inquiry into the four deaths at the Pokfulam pumping station by the fall of a boulder, Professor Earle, of the Hong Kong University, told Mr. R. E. Lindsell and the jury yesterday that so far as he could remember he had not written to the P.W.D. drawing attention to the danger. He said that he had discussed with his colleagues the possibility of danger and, as a matter of fact, Professor Shellshear had gone up and looked at the rock. Witness was not in Hong Kong when the boulder fell.

Addressing the jury, Mr. Lindsell said "After our visit to the site I think we were all satisfied that human foresight could hardly have judged that this rock would fall. But for the letter I told you I had received, informing me that Professor Earle had reported to the P.W.D. its dangerous condition, I think we should have concluded this inquiry some time ago."

"In view of that letter it was necessary to call Professor Earle and now that you have heard him I imagine that you are still further of the opinion that this was an act of God."

"If you are satisfied that human foresight could not reasonably have seen that it was dangerous, then you will bring, in a verdict of accidental death."

Mr. Lindsell added that it was open to the jury to add any rider they wished. Without retiring the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death."

The Coroner said he was sorry the inquiry had been prolonged. It merely went to show the futility of letters written to the Court and on insufficient knowledge.

**LAST TRIBUTE.****LATE MR. JAN BLANKENVOORT.****A TYPHOON VICTIM.**

Attended by many of his late colleagues, the funeral took place at the Catholic Cemetery yesterday of Mr. Jan Blankenvoort who was drowned whilst examining reclamation gear at North Point early on Monday morning during the typhoon.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Father Rossi.

Among those present were Mr. M. J. Quist (Consul-General for the Netherlands), Mr. Methofer (Vice-Consul), Mr. Descans and Dr. H. Speth, C.E. (Directors of the Netherlands Harbour Works), Messrs. Menkoff, Shoshine, H. H. Jungeling and V. Ignatieff, J. M. Shroff (members of the staff of the Netherlands Harbour Works), G. H. Heintzen, A. W. van Andel, J. Walle, F. Lafeur, Monderberg, P. J. de Kant, P. Marks, J. C. Massen, Chan Shu-kai, Mrs. van Stanberg and others.

Wreaths were sent by the deceased gentleman's family in Holland, Mr. M. J. Quist, Messrs. J. C. Maassen, C. P. J. Marten van Ufford, J. M. Shroff, Wong May-hau, Kwik Djoen-eng, Chan Shu-kai, Sun Hu-tong, Mr. and Mrs. P. Marks, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. de Kant, the Manager Netherlands Harbour Works, the Staff of the Netherlands Harbour Works, Government Overseers at North Point, the Dutch Staff of the Holland-China Trading Co., the Holland China Trading Co., the Ching Siong Land Investment Co., Ltd.

**AT THE STAR.****A FIRST NATIONAL ATTRACTION.**

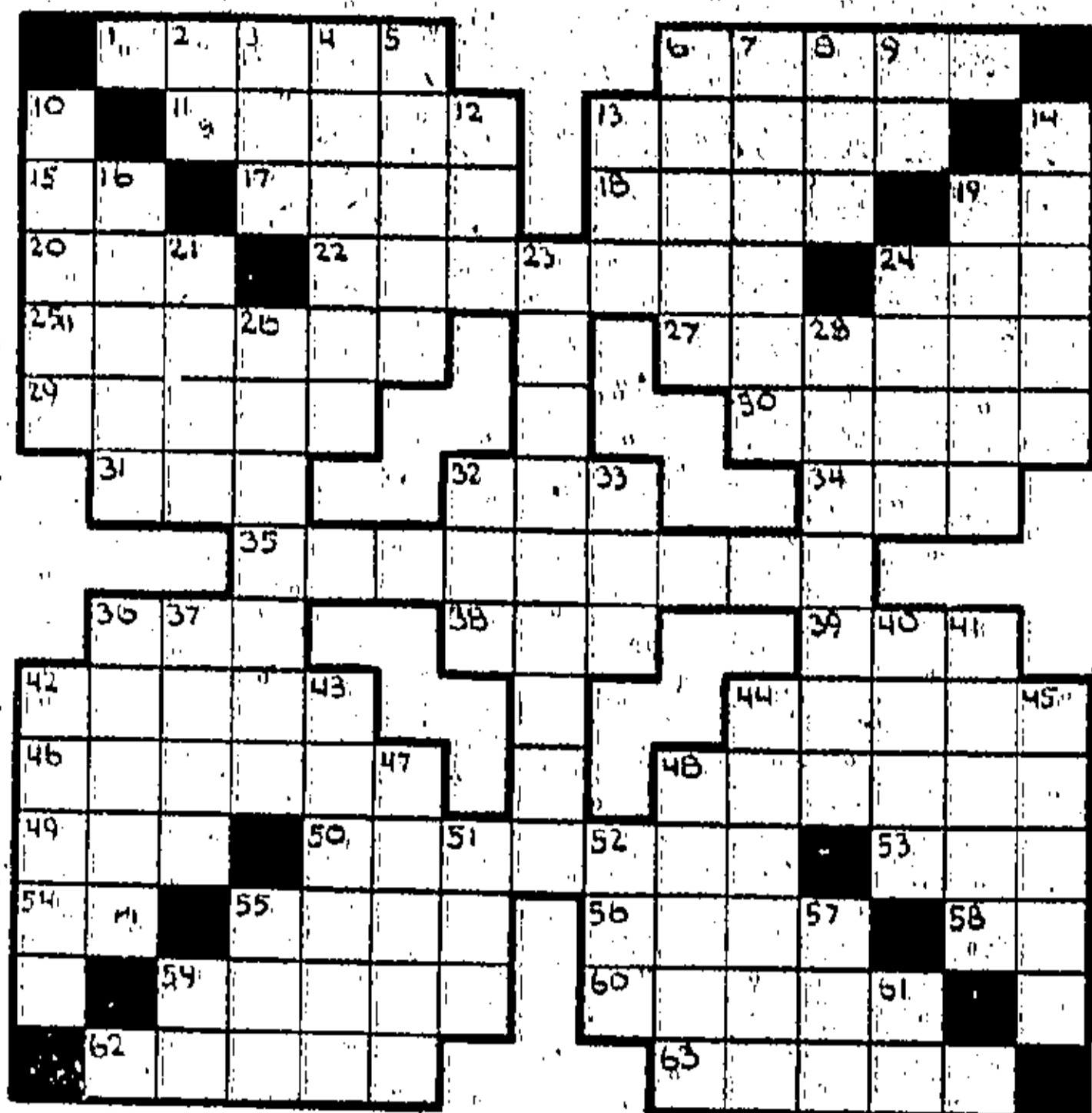
Richard Bathelmess reverts to a modern role in "Twenty-One," a First National attraction; to be shown at the Star Theatre from to-day till Saturday. Dick portrays the leading role and he is surrounded by a cast headed by Dorothy Mackall who again appears opposite him and others of importance including Bradley Barker, Joe King, Dorothy Cumming, Elsie Lawson, Ivan Simpson, Nellie Parker Spaulding and Helen Tracy. John S. Robertson directed the production.

The story of "Twenty-One" deals with the struggles of a youth whose parents have permitted him to grow up according to their whim and not according to his wishes. He is the spoiled darling of his society-loving mother, and when he meets the factory girl with whom he falls in love, he rebels against the circumstances and drops his mother's fast crowd for her company. He gets into a scrap on her account and is licked by his father who threatens to have him arrested as an incorrigible.

But he turns the tables on his parents by running away from home and getting work as a taxi driver. Later he blunders into a nest of taxi bandits and in saving his father from their blackmailing schemes, he proves his manhood, marrying in the end the girl of his choice.

**OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.**

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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**HORIZONTAL**

- 1-Ultimate
- 2-Melody
- 3-Mother (Latin)
- 4-Ethical
- 5-A measure of weight (abbr.)
- 6-A variety of plum
- 7-Kingdom of Persia
- 8-Preposition
- 9-Alderman (abbr.)
- 10-President of U. S.
- 11-Away from
- 12-Talk of a fish
- 13-Native of North Africa
- 14-City of Germany
- 15-Communitated rock material (pl.)
- 16-A number
- 17-Conjunction
- 18-Golf term
- 19-One of thirty equal parts
- 20-Decade (abbr.)
- 21-Bird
- 22-Country of Asia (abbr.)
- 23-Fledge
- 24-To breathe noisily in sleep
- 25-Not long ago

**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**

- 26-Soliloquy
- 27-Pronoun
- 28-Classic form of Eolian
- 29-Persepolis
- 30-A State of N. E. United States (abbr.)
- 31-A Heavenly body
- 32-River in Armenia
- 33-Reflex, Double
- 34-A fowl (pl.)
- 35-Obscure
- 36-A visitor
- 37-Stairway post
- 38-Prefix, In
- 39-To scold
- 40-Cossack chief
- 41-Lawful
- 42-A feeble-minded person
- 43-A planet
- 44-A river in Galilee
- 45-Form of "in"
- 46-Locality
- 47-A color
- 48-Prefix, Wrong
- 49-Satellite

**VERTICAL (Cont.)**

- 10-To blight
- 11-Barter
- 12-Famous Italian actress
- 13-Equivalent
- 14-Kean
- 15-Having teeth
- 16-Washing
- 17-Expire
- 18-Destruction
- 19-Consumes
- 20-Small mugs
- 21-Antelope with a horn
- 22-Sightless
- 23-A variety of rock (pl.)
- 24-Upper house of Congress
- 25-Man's name
- 26-A fungus growth
- 27-An English title
- 28-Raw metal
- 29-Suffix, same as "an"
- 30-Perceive
- 31-Fasten with needle and thread
- 32-Guinea (abbr.)
- 33-Point of compass (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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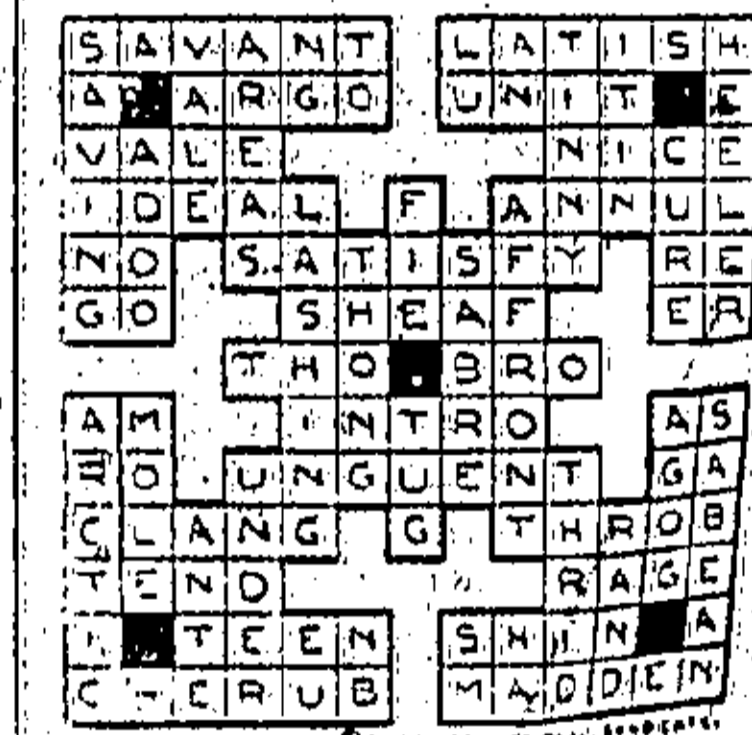
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Hong Kong, 23rd Sept., 1926.

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The Byrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (Hinterbush)	297
Mainland.	Feet.
Taboshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1071

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.**

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HAWAII MARU ..... Monday, 5th October.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo. .... Thursday, 14th October.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR &amp; MOZAMBIQUE—Via Singapore &amp; Colombo. .... Wednesday, 20th October.

PANAMA MARU ..... Monday, 25th October.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon. .... Monday, 25th October.

SEATTLE MARU ..... Wednesday, 29th September.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon. .... Wednesday, 29th September.

SEKKOW MARU ..... Wednesday, 29th September.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA &amp; VANCOUVER—Japan Ports from Shanghai.

ARIZONA MARU (From Shanghai). Sunday, 10th October.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

ARGON MARU (From Keelung) End of September.

JAPAN PORTS

BORNEO MARU ..... Friday 1st October.

HAMBURG MARU ..... Wednesday, 13th October.

KEELUNG MARU ..... Friday, 15th October.

KEELUNG VIA SWATOW &amp; AMOY. .... Sunday, 3rd October noon.

HOKAN MARU ..... Sunday, 10th October noon.

TAKAO VIA SWATOW &amp; AMOY. .... Wednesday, 6th October noon.

KOTSU MARU ..... Monday, 25th October.

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## SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The S.S. "Kwelyang" arrived yesterday from Bangkok and encountered the typhoon off Hong Kong. She also reports that a Chinese steamer passenger died of consumption on the way here. She brought 2,100 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

Owing to the typhoon, the S.S. "Hydrangea" had to anchor off Fort Bayard while on the way to Hong Kong from Kwong-chow-wan. The lowest barometer reading was 28.84. She arrived yesterday afternoon a day late and brought 149 tons of general cargo besides livestock and poultry.

For Manila, the "President Jackson" left yesterday at 6 p.m. an hour behind her schedule time. Delay was caused to the big cargo which the "Jackson" had to discharge here. She took passengers and mail for Manila.

From San Francisco, Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai, the Dollar liner "President Wilson" arrived at daylight to-day with 750 tons of cargo, 25 first cabin passengers, and American mail for Hong Kong. She also has 2,053 tons of cargo for Manila. The "Wilson" will sail to-morrow at 3 p.m. for Manila.

"With a cargo of 287 tons for Hong Kong, the German steamer "Scheer" arrived this morning from Hamburg via Singapore. Messrs. Reuter Brockelmann & Co. will dispatch her to-morrow afternoon for Shanghai.

The French steamer "Tonkin" arrived this morning from Haiphong with a cargo of 1,000 tons and mail for Hong Kong. On her voyage to Hong Kong, the "Tonkin" experienced heavy squalls and very rough sea.

With a cargo of 421 tons of coal for Hong Kong, the Japanese steamer "Kaijo Maru" arrived this morning from Keelung and Swatow. She also brought 35 bags of mail. She will sail for Keelung, Swatow and Amoy on Sunday morning.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd. will despatch the steamers "Hanyang" for Tientsin this afternoon, and the "Kiangchow" for Amoy and Singapore to-morrow at daylight.

Coming from Marseilles, the French liner "Angkor" arrived yesterday morning with 55 tons of cargo, 35 first cabin passengers, and European mail for Hong Kong. The "Angkor" had one case of measles on board. She sailed for Shanghai and Yokohama yesterday at 6 p.m.

Two Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamers are expected this afternoon. The "Toba Maru" is coming from New York and Boston via Panama, and the "Awa Maru" from Singapore.

## EMPIRE SHIPPING.

IMPERIAL SHIPPING COMMITTEE'S GOOD WORK.

In view of the forthcoming Imperial Economic Conference, the Imperial Shipping Committee have issued a valuable summary of the questions that have been inquired into and reported on since the 1923 Conference. The Committee have an unparalleled record of useful work touching every side of the problem of sea carriage between different points of the Empire. Provoking and difficult questions have been raised from all quarters of the Empire, and in answering them the Shipping Committee have had to work not merely in a judicial but also in a conciliatory frame of mind. The conciliatory side of their work is called up in their reply to the suggestion that has been made that they should be equipped with powers to compel the attendance of witnesses. Such a step, it is announced, would be a mistake since the necessity for it has not arisen, and it would tend to impede the work of conciliation that has proved such an important feature of their operations.

Another side of their work is to be seen in the last of the series of sixteen reports between the 1923 Conference and the forthcoming one. This condemns the proposal for a new harbour at Penang, and one or two preliminary observations are made concerning new port works in general. There are many instances, it is stated, of port facilities provided by land authorities that are not justifying their construction. The reason is that people are led to believe that shipping can be attracted to this or that point if a new harbour is constructed, without any proper inquiry into the economics of the relative shipping operations or of the trades that are intended to be served. As a result, shipping operations can be complicated and made expensive without any positive benefit.

## LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

## THE MORNING LIST.

This morning the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:-

Yellera (4249) Bri. from Yokohama and Shanghai; M. M. & Co. Kwelyang (1580) Bri. from Bangkok; E. & S.

Shantung (1556) Bri. from Shanghai; B. & S. Hydrangea (560) Bri. from Kwong-chow-wan; Chui On, S. S. Co.

Borneo (1297) Bri. from Hongkong; Shun Tai S. S. Co. Min (4843) French from Saigon; M. M.

Angkor (3786) French from Marseilles; M. M. Tonkin (846) French from Haiphong; M. M.

President Wilson (8319) American from San Francisco and Shanghai; Dollar Line.

Scheer (5126) German from Hamburg and Singapore; Reuter Brockelmann.

Yei Maru (2698) Jap. from Haiphong; M. B. K. Penang Maru (3220) Jap. from Yokohama and Shanghai; N. Y. K. Kaijo Maru (1126) Jap. from Keelung and Swatow; O. S. K. Wing Wo (508) Chinese from Fort Bayard; Tew Kee S. S. Co.

Clearances.

For Keelung: Yei Maru. For Manado: Milton. For Saigon: Sekkow Maru. For Tsingtao: Yei Jun Maru. For Hongkong: Borneo.

For Singapore: Penang Maru. For Manila: President Jackson. For Shanghai: Taiwan, Min. For Amoy: Haiching.

Departures.

For Moji: Cheribon Maru, Queen-moor. For Shanghai: Soochow, Angkor. For Singapore: Nilore, Van Cloon.

For Sandakan: Hinsang. For Kwong-chow-wan: Poo Sang.

## SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:-

British	22
American	1
Panama	1
German	1
Norwegian	2
Japanese	8
Chinese	13
Dutch	4
French	1
Portuguese	3
Total	56

## THE FREIGHT MARKET.

Following the recent decline in coal charter rates from the States, due to the temporary suspension of operations, the market has assumed a steeper appearance, and indications point to a renewal of chartering in the River Plate home and branch.

The labour situation in this country appears more favorable to the importation of foreign coal than otherwise, and shippers and owners are not surprised to find coal orders more freely quoted than before the holiday, and a fairly good business was arranged for United Kingdom discharge on the basis of 14s. 6d. for first half August shipment and 6d. per ton less for end August positions. A larger trade was also done for West Italian and other Mediterranean ports, the former paying from \$3.85 to \$4, and Alexandria from 18s. to 18s. 6d.

The demand for grain tonnage was rather poor, but since the vacation Montreal took a steamer for Hull at 3s. 4½d. per quarter and one for the Continent on the basis of 15 cents per 100lb., both early August shipments, thus showing steadiness. The Gulf was quieter for grain, but pitchpine charterers secured cheaper space at down to 12s. 6d. for River Plate discharge.

The Argentine market is firming up on the death of spot and early tonnage, and handy vessels secured the improved rate of from 27s. 0d. to 28s. for up-river loadings, with 25s. conceded for September. The continuance of coal chartering in the North American branch will mean a further curtailment of tonnage for homeward employment from the River Plate, as the number of vessels fixed down is negligible, and the supply available for the current month is computed to be no more than a couple of dozen steamers. Eastern markets were quietly steady, and Australian shippers are beginning to show real interest in boats for new season's grain at around 87s. 6d. from western ports, December-January.

Paris, September 17.—President Doumergue of France received Prince Chichibu in private audience to-day, chatting some time with the second son of the Emperor and Empress of Japan. Prince Chichibu arrived here for a visit after visiting the sessions of the League of Nations in Geneva.

## CUSTOMS LAUNCH.

NO TRACE OF EUROPEAN OFFICER.

"ROBIN" STILL SEARCHING.

Canton, Sept. 29.

H.M.S. "Robin" again visited Kongmei but can obtain no reliable evidence as to the whereabouts of Mr. G. M. Poulter and the six boatmen who are still missing.

H.M.S. "Robin" has left Kongmei and is now searching other districts.—Official despatch.

[Mr. Poulter and the 6 natives were on the Maritime Customs launch "Kongmoon Chai."]

Kongmei is a pirate infested locality, on the Shuntak River, south of Sandpiper Creek, about an hour from Pakkai. The launch ran aground there.

Mr. Poulter has been in the Customs' Service for six years, and until recently was stationed at Kowloon. He is well known in the Colony.

## STERLING v. FRANCS.

INTERESTING INSURANCE COMPANY'S CLAIM.

EXCHANGE PROBLEMS.

A case has been heard in the Appeal Court in Paris in which a British insurance company claimed that even though a hull insurance policy was taken out in sterling, the proper way to meet a loss that has arisen in France is to calculate it in francs. On a sterling basis, they contended, the assured would reap a profit, and of course, the law is always opposed to extending insurance beyond the principle of indemnity. The point is a very interesting one, particularly because it was expressly argued to apply only to hull claims and not to cargo claims. Hull claims are not calculated on a percentage basis of loss as are cargo claims; but, of course, if a profit on the exchange is inadmissible in the one case, it ought to be in the other, however the loss is calculated.

The French court would not allow that a profit on the exchange is inadmissible, and the decision appears reasonable. Looked at from the opposite side, it would be highly unreasonable to expect a French company to settle a claim in sterling on a policy in francs when the purchase of sterling might cost them twice as much as at the time the policy was taken out. A committee of the International Law Association has been examining the exchange problem as regards provided contracts, and the general purport of their conclusions is, undefined settlements should be made on a gold basis. Insurance that may sometimes bring a profit on the exchange. But that may be the wrong way to put it. Should it not be considered the avoidance of loss in a depreciating currency rather than as a profit?

## LLOYD'S REGISTER-BOOK.

The new edition of Lloyd's Register-Book (1926-27) contains, as usual, very complete particulars of all the sea-going vessels of the world of 100 tons and upwards. It includes a full record of about 38,000 steam and motor ships and sailing vessels, together with many lists and tables of great practical value. The number and tonnage of vessels classed by the Society of Lloyd's Register is 15,483 of 38,820,015 tons. Practically all these vessels were built under the inspection of the surveyors of Lloyd's Register, which is convincing proof of the world-wide scope of the work of the Society.

The tables included in the Register-Book show a slight diminution of the tonnage owned in Great Britain and an increase in foreign-owned tonnage as against a year ago. The present figures are as follows:-

	Steam and motor	Sail.
Gross tons		
Great Britain	19,263,785	134,012
Abroad	43,408,152	1,976,421
Total	62,671,937	2,110,433

Of the total tonnage 63 per cent. is propelled by steam from coal, 28 per cent. by steam from oil, 5.4 per cent. by motors from oil, and 3.3 per cent. under sail. Before the war coal-burning steamships made up 89 per cent. of a smaller total of tonnage.

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Semporna	.....	FRIDAY	October 1
Semporna	.....	FRIDAY	October 1
Lahad Datu	.....	SATURDAY	October 2
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## BIRTH.

GRIFFITHS.—On Sept. 13, at  
Kandy (Ceylon), to Dorothy,  
wife of Lt.-Col. D. H. Griffiths,  
R.N. (retired), of Victoria  
Estate, Taldeniya, a daughter.

## DEATH.

MAGORIS.—In London, on Sept.  
10, in his 47th year, Joseph  
Ambrose (of Ceylon) husband  
of Stella Marion Magoris.

Hongkong, Thursday, Sept. 30, 1926.

## NEARLY A MILLION.

At its meeting this afternoon  
the Finance Committee of the  
Legislative Council was asked to  
vote the large sum of \$999,899.20  
to supplement the Estimates for  
the current year—just \$160.80  
short of a million dollars. That  
the votes were passed exactly as  
submitted goes without saying.  
The unofficial members of the  
Finance Committee may demur  
now and again to be asked to ap-  
prove of such large votes at little  
notice, but they have no remedy  
beyond protesting. By virtue of  
its official majority the Govern-  
ment has all the power of a Dic-  
tator to whom criticism is repug-  
nant and, in any event, a mere  
waste of words since an Unofficial  
minority has not the slightest  
chance of ever reducing a single  
vote by a solitary cent.

Anything in the way of a  
gubernatorial "message" to the  
Finance Committee seeking its  
condescending consideration of  
certain items of supplementary  
expenditure is practically super-  
fluous. The Government says  
that certain sums are required  
from the Treasury funds, and all  
that automatically follows is the  
time-honoured formality of sanc-  
tion from the Finance Committee  
of the Council, so that a record  
may be kept for the sake of regu-  
larity and order.

It is not, of course, suggested  
that the Finance Committee are  
expected to raise their hands,  
jointly and severally, in favour of  
giving the Government power to  
spend a million dollars—less  
\$160.80—altogether in the dark.  
That would savour of carrying  
the farce—or Gilbertian routine,  
if the term sounds better—too far.

Appended to the votes submitted  
at this afternoon's meeting was a  
"memorandum explaining the  
above items," the said explana-  
tions occupying five foolscap

pages—a ratio of one page per  
\$20,000 desired. With some of the  
explanations even the most cap-  
tious critic could have no option  
but to be content. With others—  
well, the least said the better for  
the simple reason, already enun-  
ciated, that it would not matter  
a brass farthing to a Government  
able to do everything it  
likes with the aid of an  
official majority. "Some folk  
with a penchant for digging deep  
into the expenditure of public  
money might revel in unearthing  
—or trying to unearth—extortion-  
ate charges paid per square foot  
of a road in comparison with  
what a business firm would pay.  
They may challenge figures set  
down for clearing nullahs, repair-  
ing road damages, surfacing new  
roads, maintaining piers and  
bridges in good order; and con-  
tend with every sincerity that  
such work could be done for a  
private corporation or concern  
ever so much cheaper. But,  
again, what would be the use?  
The Government has the whip  
hand in the spending of public  
money all the time; and there is  
no one—not even one expert  
financier in its own service—to  
say it nay. Long live a Govern-  
ment so benevolent in spending  
the public money—it is lucky to  
do it and get away with it!

## ITALIAN CONVENT.

CERTIFICATES IN PITMAN'S  
SHORTHAND.

LATEST SUCCESSES.

Results have arrived from Bath  
of the examinations by Pitman's  
shorthand held in June by the  
Italian Convent, as follows:—

Specimen:  
140 words a minute: Miss Ada  
Pepperell and Miss Nellie Gubbay.  
120 words: Miss Violet May, Miss  
Queenie Julian and Miss Celeste  
Ozorio.

60 words: Misses Kimy Barretto,  
Celestina Xavier, Alice Gutierrez,  
Matilde Pereira, Remigia Elarte,  
Carolina Ribeiro.

50 words: Miss Betty Baker and  
Miss Esther Carvalho.

50 words: Mrs. M. Rosario.  
Theory.

Misses Betty Baker, Zena Lai-  
bovetsky, L. Chou, Mary Rnsari,  
and Phyllis Woolley.  
Elementary.  
Misses Nellie Chenailloy, Winnie  
Lo, Winifred Kew, Astri Larsen,  
Lily Williams, Mary Oliver, Nettie  
Thorburn, Hilda Komor, Eileen  
Donald, Maud Wittell, Doris  
Dillon, Jeanne Baker, Emilia  
Carvalho, Agnes Physolabuti and  
Mollie France.

## LATEST PIRACY.

ARMED MEN CAPTURE  
JUNK.

TWO MEN DETAINED.

A case of piracy and kidnapping  
while a cargo junk was on a voy-  
age from Macao to Ping Chau has  
been reported by an occupant of  
the boat.

Besides the man, there were  
two others on the boat which was  
held up on the morning of Septem-  
ber 26 near Lap Sap Mei by six  
men who came alongside in a sail-  
ing boat. Two men carried re-  
volvers and one a knife. The three  
occupants were driven into the  
hold while the robbers ransacked  
the junk and took \$100 in Hong  
Kong Bank notes.

The captured boat was towed to  
an island where the man who  
made the report was put ashore  
and then left for an unknown des-  
tination with the two others, one  
of whom was the master of the  
junk.

## THE AFTERMATH.

MORE FISHING VESSELS  
CASUALTIES.

MACAO FLEET SURVIVORS.

It will probably be some days  
before a correct estimate will be  
possible of the loss of life among  
the Macao fishing folk making up  
the fleet which was dispersed by  
Monday's typhoon. Few of the  
boats which have put into shelter  
after trying experiences can speak  
as to the safety or otherwise of  
others.

Six vessels believed to be part  
of the Macao fishing fleet limped  
into sanctuary at Aberdeen yes-  
terday with tattered sails and  
bearing every sign of severe  
buffeting. They report having  
drifted helplessly during the  
typhoon blow and to have made  
for Hong Kong when the elements  
calmed.

3 Out of 16.

Reports continue to be received  
of loss of life on small fishing  
boats. The Water Police have  
brought to Hong Kong three  
Macao fishermen whose boat cap-  
sized on Monday as the vessel  
was on its way from San Mei to  
the fishing grounds. The three  
men are the only survivors of a  
crew of 16. They swam to Lung  
Shun Wan and walked some dis-  
tance when they were picked up  
by the police.

## Distressing Story.

A distressing story is told by  
one of the crew of a large junk  
which was wrecked by terrible  
seas at Saikung. The crew of  
eleven were still clinging to the  
large mainsail, having drifted for  
fourteen hours, when they were  
sighted by another junk. The  
rescue of six of the crew was  
effected but the master and four  
of his children relaxed their hold  
before assistance could be given  
them.

## 32 Casualties.

The four men who were taken  
from a drifting raft east of Gap  
Rock by the s.s. "Yei Maru" were  
the only survivors of a crew of  
36. Their boat capsized off the  
Sa Mun Customs House as they  
were on the way from San Mi  
Bias Bay, for their fishing  
grounds. The four who survived  
constructed their raft from wreck-  
age of the boat and when rescued  
had been at the mercy of the  
waves for over twelve hours.  
Although his destination was  
Keelung, the master of the "Yei  
Maru" put into Hong Kong owing  
to the pitiable plight of the sur-  
vivors.

## Going Into Dock.

The B. and S. boat "Kweiyang,"  
which, following a breakdown in  
the steering gear, was held up off  
Gap Rock and unable to  
enter Hong Kong until  
yesterday, has discharged her  
cargo at the buoy. As her  
time for half yearly docking for  
overhaul is due she will proceed  
to dock shortly. Until a survey  
has been carried out, the full ex-  
tent of the damage will not be  
known.

## Another Wreck.

The "Yuensang" has sighted a  
wrecked junk near Hong Kong.  
It was learned yesterday that  
the two missing members of the  
junk crew picked up by Chief  
Preventive Officer Clark off Sai-  
wan when their craft was wrecked,  
floated safely ashore on plank-  
ing and have reported themselves  
safe.

## Scouts Washed Out.

The typhoon season and abnor-  
mal rains have affected Scout  
camping in the Colony.  
From the "Silver Wolf" it is  
learned that the Yuemati Troop  
was washed out one night at Tai-  
po and the 10th (St. Paul's) Troop  
had a very narrow escape at Shek-  
O during the deluge of July 18-19.  
The latter returned to town with  
the kind assistance of a lorry be-  
longing to Messrs. Doodwell & Co.,  
Ltd. and were very lucky to be  
safe at home.

The 20th at Shek-O, Sea Scouts  
at Tai-po and the 4th (Murray) at  
Tai-tam-tuk were other Troops  
which were affected.

The boys stuck it out cheerfully,  
says the article.

## At Cheung Chau.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
Sept. 28.  
The typhoon (the worst blow  
since 1923) did considerable dam-  
age to the trees and gardens. The  
Government school matched was  
considerably damaged, and the  
bathing shed also suffered. It  
would have been possible to have  
had surf bathing inside the struc-  
ture. Quantities of sand were  
carried up, partly burying the  
nearby vegetable gardens.

As far as is known no serious  
damage was done to any of the  
houses. A few doors on servants'  
quarters broke loose. Some  
warehage was visible on the south  
side and one junk had a hard  
struggle to make the harbour.

## PEAK THEFTS.

RESIDENTS SHOULD PROTECT  
THEMSELVES.

POLICE SUGGESTION.

Interesting developments have  
followed the series of recent  
thefts (officially described as lar-  
ceny) on the Peak district.

The Police advise surprise  
visits and have asked for the  
help of residents.

Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, hon. sec-  
retary of the Peak R.A. has accord-  
ingly circulated members.

The committee of the P.R.A. is  
in favour of Police "visits of en-  
quiry" and recommends support.  
Ex-servants are believed to  
form the majority of culprits.

The circular reads:—  
Householders Should Act.  
Writing under the date of Sep-  
tember 17, the Captain Superintendent  
of Police has addressed the  
Peak Residents' Association as  
follows:—

"In view of the recent larcenies  
on the Peak which appear in most  
cases to have been committed by  
ex-servants, I would recommend  
that the Peak Residents' Associa-  
tion should circulate members to  
the following effect:—

"1.—It is advisable that house-  
holders should pay frequent  
visits to their servants' quarters  
in order to ascertain that no  
strangers or dismissed servants  
are occupying them.

"2.—It is suggested that the  
officer in charge of Gough Hill  
Police Station should pay  
occasional surprise visits. Un-  
der ordinary conditions he is not  
authorised to visit private pre-  
mises without a warrant but if  
given authority by members of  
the Peak Residents' Association  
he could visit all houses belong-  
ing to members. It must be  
understood that such visits are  
purely visits of enquiry and will  
not be in the nature of raids on  
the premises. It should also be  
understood that in cases where  
strangers are found on the pre-  
mises members should not raise  
any objection to prosecuting  
such unauthorised persons.

Failure to prosecute in these  
cases merely encourages out-  
siders to go and stay on the pre-  
mises. Servants from neigh-  
bouring houses found on any pre-  
mises when visited by the officer  
in charge of Gough Hill Police  
Station would of course not be  
included in the term 'strangers  
or outsiders.'

Strong Recommendation.  
Whilst my committee favour the  
Hon. Mr. Wolfe's suggestion that  
house holders should pay frequent  
visits to their servants' quarters,  
they are of the opinion that this  
in itself is not sufficient to prevent  
strangers or dismissed servants  
occupying servants' quarters and  
they consequently strongly support  
the Captain Superintendent of  
Police's recommendation that mem-  
bers of the Peak Residents' Asso-  
ciation should authorise the officer  
in charge of Gough Hill Police  
Station to pay occasional surprise  
visits to their houses, on the distinct  
understanding that such visits are  
purely visits of enquiry and not in  
the nature of raids on the pre-  
mises.

My committee appeal for the sup-  
port of all members in this matter  
and I shall be obliged if you will  
kindly signify on accompanying de-  
tectable slip whether you are in  
agreement or not.

Slips should be returned to me  
signed with the address number  
filled in as soon as possible and  
in order that as complete a list as  
possible be compiled, all members  
are requested to return their slips  
whether they are in favour of the pro-  
posal or not.

Paris, Sept. 18.—The Swiss  
Government has asked its represen-  
tative in Rome to bring the atten-  
tion of the Italian Government to  
the dangers of a campaign against  
foreigners in Italy.

## OBITUARIES.

LADY MISSION WORKER  
IN CHINA.

MISS AGNES DULMAGE.

Miss Agnes Dulmage, act-  
ing Head Mistress of Diocesan  
Girls' School, whose death we re-  
ported yesterday, had been in  
Hong Kong for a year and prior  
to that had carried out educa-  
tional and evangelistic work in Kon-  
gmoon for eleven years (being at  
that time connected with the  
Canadian Presbyterian Mission).

It was during the troubles of  
last year that Miss Dulmage,  
with others, was obliged to leave  
Kongmoon and accepted a post as  
mistress at Diocesan Girls' School,  
succeeding temporarily to the  
position of Head Mistress on the  
departure of Miss Sawyer on  
Home leave.

Miss Dulmage, who was a na-  
tive of Canada, was educated at  
the University of Toronto and  
was engaged in the teaching pro-  
fession in Canada for some years  
prior to coming to China in 1915.  
Among other positions she held  
that of Head Mistress of the Kai  
Tak school for Girls in Kongmoon.  
Both there and in Hong Kong the  
deceased lady was greatly re-  
spected.

Miss Dulmage went into  
the Victoria Hospital about a  
month ago and appeared at one  
time to be recovering well from  
an operation. Later, complica-  
tions set in and she passed away  
yesterday morning.

The funeral, as already stated,  
takes place to-day, passing the  
Monument at 5 p.m.

**MR. B. HOBART-HAMPDEN OF  
THE CUSTOMS.**

## FUNERAL SERVICE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
Chefoo, Sept. 20.

With sincere regret we record  
the sad death from typhoid fever  
of Mr. B. Hobart-Hampden, at  
the Temple Hill Hospital.

Mr. Hobart-Hampden has been  
in Chefoo less than a year, at-  
tached to the Chinese Maritime  
Customs, and his early death at  
the age of 21 years and 4 months  
is deeply regretted.

There was a very large gather-  
ing of friends at the East Beach  
Cemetery on Wednesday (Septem-  
ber 15) afternoon when the  
remains were laid in their last  
resting place, amid tokens of deep  
grief.

The service was conducted by  
the Rev. B. M. McOwan and its  
impressiveness was felt by all.

A large number of floral tri-  
butes were laid on the grave.

The pall bearers were H.B.M.  
Constable (Mr. J. L. Smith), the  
Commissioner of Customs (Mr. R.  
d'Anjou), and Messrs. Abbott,  
Dowglass, Hopstock, and Porter.

Sincere sympathy goes out to  
the Customs staff, and the de-  
ceased's parents in England.

Peking, September 17.—Possibi-  
lity of the formation of a new  
Ministry under General Chin Yan-  
peng, ex-Premier, is becoming  
greater each day, especially in view  
of his recent successful conferences  
with Generals Chang Tsun-chang  
and Sun Chuan-fang. General  
Chin is now on his way to Mukden  
to confer with Marshal Chang and  
will return to Tientsin in a few  
days. General Chang Tsun-  
chang's faction expects to have,  
among others, the following men in  
the new Ministry: Premier—  
General Chin Yan-peng. Foreign  
Minister—Wang Chung-hui. Home  
Minister—Lin Ken-tso or Ho Yu.  
Finance Minister—Pan Fu. Agri-  
culture Minister—Yueh Kung-chow.  
Communications Minister—Chang  
Yin-hui.



How "Canton" views the end of the boycott, as promised by Mr. Eugene Chen.

## VICTORIA GAOL.

## Present Accommodation Unsatisfactory?

## NEED FOR HOSPITAL.

## Difficulties Faced in Planning New Improvements.

Since the announcement of the abandonment (temporarily, at any rate) of the work on the new gaol at Ngau Shi Wan, provision was made for expenditure on alterations to the present Victoria Gaol.

Upon enquiry as to whether work had yet been put in hand on these alterations, the "China Mail" gathers that nothing definite has yet been decided on as to the nature of these alterations.

The most pressing need of the present gaol is a prison hospital but its erection would encroach on space which is all too limited at present. The present prison is a survival of a period when the population, and consequently the crime calendar, was a little of what it is at the present day and the result is that the number of prisoners has greatly outgrown the accommodation provided.

If the present limited space was still further encroached upon for the erection of a hospital, the task of accommodating prisoners would present the prison authorities with a most difficult problem.

## Sick Prisoners.

Yet the problem of dealing with sick prisoners is equally, if not more, important as that of accommodation for those that are fit and although temporary arrangements have been made, difficulties are experienced which are acute in certain cases. Particularly is this so in the case of female prisoners and in maternity cases.

The task of attempting to adapt the inadequate accommodation to the need for further facilities is a difficult one, more particularly as when work on the new gaol is put in hand and the building completed the present Victoria gaol will have to be pulled down and reconstructed as a short-term prison. Any structure, in the nature of a hospital erected in the course of 1927 (the estimates for 1927 provide for alterations to Victoria Gaol) will have to be built with an eye to the form this short-term prison will take.

In the meantime, the site at Ngau Shi Wan remains undeveloped other than its clearance and the driving in of piles. It will be recalled that the work was regarded as urgent by Sir Reginald Stubbs who was responsible for the initial preparations being put in hand. In the course of the economy "campaign" instituted by the Government the scheme was dropped and in the absence of provision for the new prison in next year's estimates the intention, apparently, is to let it remain undeveloped for some considerable time.

## JUNK "ATTACK."

## 2 SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS.

## ONE DISCHARGED.

An attack on a junk in British waters and the kidnapping of those on board formed the subject at yesterday afternoon's Sessions of charges against three Chinese.

The boarding of the junk by night by seven robbers, the enforced sailing of the junk to the orders of the robbers and the confinement of the owner and crew on the island of Tonkin was detailed by Mr. A. Dyer Ball for the Crown.

It was stated in evidence that rough treatment was meted out to those on board who were imprisoned in the forehold. The three prisoners had been identified by several who were on board at the time.

Allegations by the prisoners that the charge was a framed up one brought as revenge for a fight in the early part of the year were also referred to.

After the hearing of evidence the jury found two prisoners guilty and one not guilty. His Honour sentenced the two convicted men to 7 years' imprisonment.

## \$4,000 FINE.

Charged with possession of 42 tablets of illicit opium, a Chinese gave the usual excuse that another man handed him the drug while travelling from Macao.

Det. Sergeant Tyler said that the defendant had nothing to say when he was arrested at the Wing Lok wharf.

The Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindell) imposed a fine of \$4,000, or seven months' hard labour.

## BOYCOTT END.

(Continued from page 1.)

## PEKING COMMENT.

## Termination Contingent Upon Taxes?

Peking, Sept. 26.

Questions related to the bigger problem of the political status of Canton are in the eye of the Powers. Ever since negotiations were started between Hong Kong and Canton, Britain, it is suggested, has afforded the Canton Government some measure of de facto recognition which is growing with the extension of its influence. There has been little formality in these relations, but now Canton has apparently seen fit to make a bid for much broader and more official contact.

The announcement of the termination of the boycott on October 10 appears to be contingent upon the acquiescence in the scheme of taxation on foreign goods which is tantamount to implementing the Washington Conference surtaxes for the Canton zone.

## Britain's Good Offices.

The Nationalists expect to force Britain's good offices by brandishing the boycott weapon. They are already making promises and it is said here, have already put out feelers to the British Consul-General looking towards the assumption of the responsibilities belonging to Peking. So many factors are involved that the Powers will probably keep clear officially for some time to come from this sea of complications.

Some drift of foreign opinion, however, may be gathered from the contrasts now made in conversation by persons in authority between the Canton taxation proposals and the spread of hazardous taxation even under the nose of the Tariff Conference in Peking itself.—N.C.D. News.

## HELP NOT WANTED.

The following have been issued by the Canton Information Bureau through Reuters:—

Canton, Sept. 29.—The attention of the Nationalist Government has been drawn to a statement in the London "Times," quoted in a British wireless message, dated September 25, that "attempts have been made by numerous Chinese faction leaders, including the Canton Government, to obtain the help of Britain against their rivals."

The Nationalist Government at Canton has never applied, directly or indirectly, for British help against its rivals, or for any purpose whatsoever.

Mr. Eugene Chen. Canton, Sept. 29.—The Foreign Office states that Mr. Eugene Chen was not present (as reported in the "Hong Kong Daily Press" of September 27) at the American Consulate, when Mr. J. MacMurray (U. S. Minister) is said to have declared that "America had no intention of changing her policy in China at the moment and that there was no idea of giving up extraterritoriality in the present circumstances."

## AFTER FOUR YEARS.

## TEAPOT DOME OIL LEASE.

St. Louis, Sept. 29.—Continuing the long sustained fight to annul the Teapot Dome oil lease the Government, in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, have succeeded in obtaining a reversal of last year's decision of Wyoming Federal Court upholding the Sinclair lease.

The decision declares that the lease is fraudulent, and instructs the Lower Courts immediately to cancel the Mammoth Oil Company's lease and enjoins it further against trespassing on Government lands. The case has been the subject of discussion since 1922, when the Senate's Oil Committee reported the result of the investigations with regard to the granting of the lease to Sinclair and by the fall of the then Secretary for the Interior.—Reuters.

London, Sept. 18.—The New Irish Free State Party was enthusiastically inaugurated at Waterford by Captain W. A. Redmond and other members and supporters of the Old Irish Parliamentary Party in the presence of an enormous crowd. Capt. Redmond, in his speech, spoke of the need of strong opposition to the present Free State Government. He declared that unity and sound economics were essential to the prosperity of Ireland. He said that the unity of Ireland could only be attained by achieving the good government of the Free State and by showing Northern Ireland the true value of their Irish national birthright.

## ALL SPLENDID!

## Globetrotters' Typhoon Experiences.

## MR. DICK NORTON'S "FEAR."

## Praise for Captain and Men of "Kweiyang."

"Why, Dick, there's no need to tell me that you've had a rough time. Gee, boy, it's written all over your face." With these words I greeted the ever-popular Dick Norton on the deck of the s.s. "Kweiyang" yesterday morning.

"Never mind me," replied Dick. "If you want to put anything in the 'China Mail,' just say that Captain Norton and all the officers were splendid—they were wonderful. It is impossible to describe how magnificently they handled the ship."

This, of course, is typical of Dick Norton. Later in the day, however, I persuaded Dick to admit that, experienced traveller as he is, he has never not given during his three voyages around the world, met with such weather.

## One &amp; All Unnerved.

In the course of a quiet yarn at his hotel, Mr. Norton informed me that his company embarked at Bangkok on September 20 and that they experienced nothing untoward until the early hours of last Sunday morning—September 27, when a heavy sea was felt.

It did not, however, take long to develop into something more than unusual.

"We were then passing Gap Rock—normally about two hours from Hong Kong—and we noticed that we were making no headway at all."

"Our experience is really, incredible: we were one and all completely unnerved."

"The captain ordered us to put on our life-jackets and we remained in the saloon thus attired for thirteen hours."

"It is no exaggeration to say that there was not a dry spot on the ship."

"All the bedding was drenched. Huge seas simply swept over us."

## All the Costumes Spoiled.

In spite of all this, the captain made periodical visits to the saloon in order to cheer us up, and when he could not come himself, he sent one of his officers. They were all splendid."

Continuing, Mr. Norton said that practically everything his company possessed was ruined.

All the ladies' evening dresses were hopelessly damaged, whilst the men's white suits were discoloured by the dyes of their theatrical costumes.

One large trunk, in which were packed all their dinner jackets, was water-logged, that it took some considerable time to get the garments out, and when they succeeded in doing so, they had no alternative but to wring them out as one would wring out a handkerchief or a shirt.

## Thought All Was Gone.

"I think I can honestly say that in all my travelling experiences, I have never known fear. This time I really thought that all was gone. 'Whichever port-hole we looked through, all we could see was ocean. There was not a trace of any horizon on either side of the ship.'"

"Of course, a tremendous amount of crockery was broken and nearly all the ship's stores were washed over board."

"We actually saw a crate of live fowls and ducks quietly slide over the side of the ship."

"Much concern was aroused when it was found that the ship's cat 'Horsy' was missing, but just as we were contemplating a requiem over our lost pet, pussy turned up, purring as though nothing had happened."

"Goodness only knows where the poor unfortunate feline had been hiding."

## 24 Hours Without Chow.

"The Chinese boys were splendid. It is hard to praise them too much."

"When they discovered that all the potatoes had joined the fowls in the depths of the ocean, they made appetising rice balls which, after twenty-four hours without a bite, were very welcome."

Asked if he could estimate the damage done to his wardrobe, Mr. Norton replied by saying that it was impossible at present to say exactly how much.

"All I can say," said Dick, "is that what is not completely ruined, is so badly damaged that it will be necessary to get a complete new kit."

With this end in view, Mr. Norton has lost no time in mobilising an army of tailors who are hard at work making new costumes in time for Saturday evening's performance.

## Girls Were Splendid.

"I could not think of asking my artistes to play for two or three days. It is imperative that they have a complete rest. I have been saying a good deal about myself. Let me say that all the members of my company were simply splendid. We all kept together like one large family, but the girls were splendid, but the girls were splendid."

## EXCESS RENT?

## NATIONAL OPTICAL CO.'S CONTENTION.

## MORTGAGEE'S CLAIM.

On the question of what was the standard rent in respect of 80 Queen's Road Central, ground floor, occupied by the National Optical Company Ltd., a claim for \$1,000 by the mortgagee of the premises was adjourned for further evidence at the Summary Court this morning.

Ma Yung-shih, the owner of the premises claimed that amount through her Attorney Ip Li-kong (the mortgagee).

Mr. M. K. Lo was for plaintiff and Mr. L. D. Turner for defendant.

By an indenture of mortgage dated January 19, 1925, the owner of the premises assigned them to Ip Li-kong by way of mortgage to secure the principal sum of \$43,000 and interest.

In consequence of default made by the owner in payment of interest, Ip Li-kong, as mortgagee, gave notice to the National Optical Company informing them of the default and requesting them to pay rent to him as mortgagee in possession, acting for the mortgagor.

It was in respect of this rent, which had not been paid, that the claim of \$1,000 was made.

The defendants' contention was that they had, for 26 months been paying the owner (mortgagor) \$350 a month whereas they had found that the standard rent should have been something like \$180, a figure arrived at in consequence of a distraint in 1923 in respect of which rent for two months had been \$370.

Mr. Lo, in answer to His Honour (Mr. Justice Wood) said that he would admit that the defendants had paid rent to the owner in excess of the amount claimed in the writ by his client. If the standard rent was \$180 the defendants had for 26 months, at any rate, had paid \$165 per month in excess. It was for defendants' solicitor to prove, however, what the standard rent was and also that they were entitled to make a deduction as against the mortgage.

Mr. Turner, in proving the standard rent, put in the rating assessor's certificate but on His Honour holding that in a previous judgment on this point he had held that particulars as to rent before December 30, 1920 were not applicable, Mr. Turner asked for an adjournment in order that he might be able to produce evidence as to what the rent had been for a period after December 30, 1920.

Mr. Lo objected to an adjournment but His Honour allowed it.

## CHEUNG CHAU NOTES

## DR. AND MRS. CLIFT GO TO LUNGCHOW.

## COMING AND GOING.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Cheung Chau, Sept. 28.

Owing to the typhoon the launch did not run on Monday. Visitors will please note that the late evening launches at 7 p.m. will be discontinued at the end of this month with the exception of Sunday evenings.

Several of the houses are now empty. Some families are leaving to-day and to-morrow. A few new visitors are expected to arrive at the beginning of October. No. 25 has just changed hands. We have not heard who the purchaser is; there were several enquiries for this house.

We note that the large meteor which was so plainly seen here at the beginning of the month was seen and heard in England and the date corresponds.

Dr. and Mrs. Clift, who have done so much to help in the spiritual and social life of the community, are shortly expected to leave on a visit to Lung Chow to which city the rescue work (among girl babies) which they started in Nanning, is to be transferred they will be greatly missed during their six weeks' absence. The services and Bible class (the two classes are now united) are still continued; the leader of the service for next Sunday will be the Rev. Worsnip.

A cook, 15 years of age, is alleged to have absconded with a sum of \$380 which he took from a box during the absence of his master, a shopkeeper at No. 188, Wing Lok Street.

Continuing, Mr. Norton said that although it grieved him greatly to have to disappoint his many friends in the Colony, he had no alternative but to postpone his opening night. "As it is," said Dick, "our audience on Saturday evening will find the Company, not only completely rested after their trying experience, but redressed and I do not think that we will be long in getting on the happiest of terms with our many friends."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## ALLEGED LOCAL AUCTION RINGS.

## KNOCK-OUT &amp; Y. M. CHA.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—Poor comfort does C.A.R. offer me. He says "If he is an honest man and knows his business, will find no difficulty in taking the necessary precautions to safeguard the interests of his client."

What if the ring has made arrangements, outside, without his knowledge. Especially so, if the auction was in fairly big lots. If the Knock-outs will not bid, how is the auctioneer to split the ring? By bidding himself? The subject is not so easily disposed of and I submit that legislation is necessary and will be beneficial. In the auction of merchandise particularly I think it is very hard to beat the Yam Chas.

Enclosing my card, Yours, etc., M. W.

Hong Kong, Sept. 29.

## THE WORD "KWAI."

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—May I crave the hospitality of your valuable columns for the insertion of this letter. The word "Kwai" has, I believe, of late raised much controversy in some of the local papers, and yet one sees little or no abatement at all, but on the contrary, the illiterate class of Chinese are ever as alert to inflict upon the foreigner this gross insult.

Are we to be thus insulted and made to sit tight without the help of the law whereby an offender can be severely dealt with? Certainly there is a remedy to everything, and the sooner a stringent law is passed the better, otherwise we shall have to suffer endless provocations in the hands of our less enlightened Chinese friends.

Again thanking you for the insertion, Yours, etc.,

Hong Kong, Sept. 29.

[Editor's Note: Apparently there is a law on this matter as fines have been imposed in Police Courts from time to time.]

## KITCHENER "STUNT."

## "COFFIN NEVER LEFT ENGLAND."

## POWER UNMASKED.

London, September 10.—The Home Office in a further statement with regard to the alleged bringing of the remains of Earl Kitchener to England says that exhaustive enquiries have established conclusively that the coffin opened in London had never left Great Britain.

It was bought by Power at Kirkwall early in 1926 and stored at Kirkwall till July 27 last when it was sent to Newcastle and from there to London. The coffin was in no way tampered with in transit.

The authorities at Egersund, Norway, were not aware of the opening of any grave there, but have established that Power during his visit to Norway arranged a mock funeral at St. Avanger, where an empty coffin covered with the Union Jack was put on board the steamer going to Bergen. The proceedings were filmed. The coffin was subsequently returned to the local undertaker from whom it was hired.

## Shadows Before.

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

## Entertainments.

September 30—Queen's Theatre;

"7 Keys to Baldpate";

September 30—World Theatre;

"Riders of the Purple Sage";

September 30—Star Theatre;

Richard Barthelmess in "Twenty-one";

October 2—The Globe Trotters' Grand Opening night at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

September 30—At Theatre Royal, excellent and varied programme in aid of M.C.L., 9.15 p.m.

October 2—Concert by the 20th H.K. Troop of Boy Scouts in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8 p.m.

October 2—Grand Gala Dinner at Cafe Restaurant

Parisien, 8.30 p.m.

October 21—Grand Concert under the auspices of the Navy League.

Sports.

October 5—Annual aquatic sports of the Victoria Recreation Club.

October 9—Fourth race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club at Happy Valley.

Miscellaneous.

October 2—Farwell dinner at the Royal Naval Theatre, 8 p.m.

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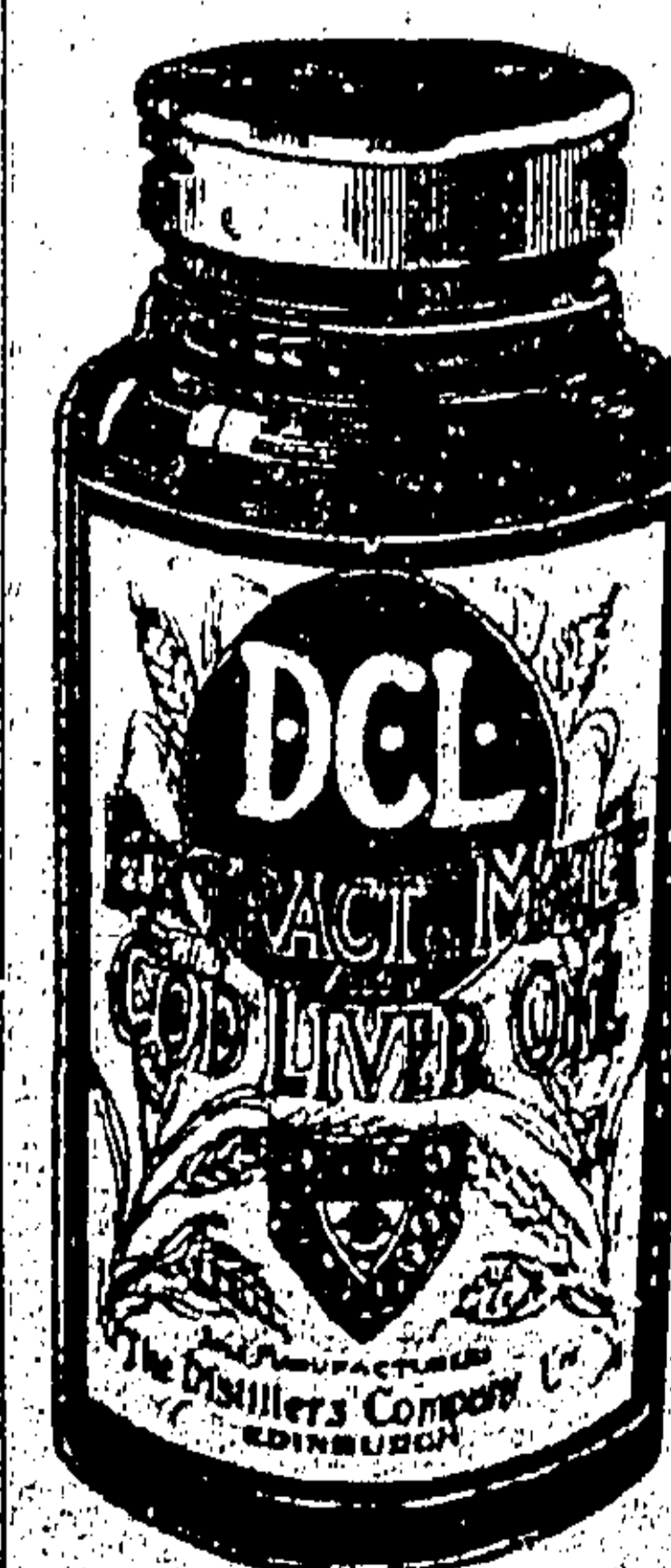
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

There are, according to latest  
published figures, 813,200 Girl  
Guides in the world.On Wednesday a fresh case of  
enteric fever was notified. The  
patient is a Chinese from Aberdeen  
village.On Tuesday night thieves  
entered No. 2, Ming Yuen Lane,  
second floor, Wanchai, and stole  
money and jewellery to a total value  
of \$923.Annual subscriptions to the  
local Boy Scout Association are due  
on October 1:—(a) minimum for  
membership \$5 and (b) "Silver  
Wolf" Fund \$5.In November, Miss Trotter  
(District Commissioner, East  
Herts) and Miss Winklyn (District  
Commissioner, Cheshunt) are com-  
ing to Hong Kong to conduct a four  
months' training of Girl Guides and  
Guiders.As the result of a motor cycle  
accident on the Lai-chikok Road, on  
Sunday evening, Sanitary Inspector  
B. J. Murray was admitted to the  
Kowloon Hospital suffering from a  
broken collar bone and other in-  
juries. He is reported to be pro-  
gressing favourably.Nauen, September 18.—The  
French Ambassador to Washington  
yesterday presented a note express-  
ing France's regret at Senator  
Caraway's recent utterances.  
Senator Caraway suggested to have  
the bodies of the American soldiers  
lying in France brought over to the  
United States owing to the anti-  
American feeling prevailing in  
France at the present time.London, Sept. 11.—A \$1,000,000  
scheme to encourage British films  
in Great Britain and the Empire,  
especially in India, has just been  
completed, according to Niranjan  
Pal, the producer of the well-known  
film—the "Light of Asia"—who de-  
clares that the Maharajas of  
Ahwar, Patiala, Bikanir, Jaipur, the  
Aga Khan, and the Maharaja of  
Kashmir have conjointly offered the  
necessary resources for the scheme,  
which aims at the establishment of  
a system for the exchange of films  
in various parts of the Empire, and  
the erection of cinemas throughout  
India to present British produc-  
tions.The first Company of Chinese  
Girl Guides may be started shortly.  
Such is the interesting announce-  
ment made on the latest number of  
the "Silver Wolf."The 1st Hong Kong Company  
of Girl Guides which had lapsed,  
has been reformed under Mrs.  
Greensmith as captain assisted by  
Miss Olive Xavier as lieutenant.The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, as  
Commissioner, contributes a very  
instructive article to the current  
issue of the "Silver Wolf" on The  
Boy Scouts Association Policy,  
Organisation and Rules.The September number of the  
"Silver Wolf" is out. This organ  
of the Boy Scouts Association of  
Hong Kong should be read by all  
who have the interest of the young  
at heart. It is a praiseworthy  
effort surpassing even the best of  
earlier issues.Mr. Harry Greenwood's interest  
has caused in the well-known firm  
of Messrs. Linstead and Davis  
(chartered accountants). Mr. C.  
Bernard Brown continues the busi-  
ness under the old name, Messrs.  
Linstead and Davis are auditors to  
a number of public companies and  
secretaries to the Hong Kong  
Jockey Club.The directors of Kamuning  
(Ferah) Rubber and Tin Co., Ltd.,  
have decided to recommend, sub-  
ject to audit and usual adjust-  
ments, a final dividend in respect  
of the financial year ended June  
30 of 15 per cent. payable on  
October 26. This makes a total  
dividend for the financial year of  
30 per cent. The Board also re-  
commend that \$10,000 be placed  
to reserve and that \$21,113 be  
carried forward to next account.The largest electric locomotive  
in the world, constructed by  
a Geneva firm of engineers, has  
been tested successfully in trial  
trips at Berne. The locomotive  
weighs 126 tons, and is more  
than 60 feet in length. The  
engine, which can be driven by  
one man, cost £24,000 to build and  
can easily exceed 100 miles an  
hour hauling an express train.  
It will shortly be employed on the  
international electric Berne-  
Loetschberg-Simplon line.The local Girl Guide Association  
is at present composed of the fol-  
lowing members: Lady Clement,  
M.B.E. (President); Mrs. Luard,  
Mrs. A. J. B. Stirling, Mrs. R. M.  
Dyer (Vice-Presidents); Mrs. W. T.  
Southorn, Mrs. Cressy, Mrs.  
Duppuy, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. T. H.  
King, Mrs. Minett, M.D., Mrs. G.  
Murray, Mrs. E. B. Reed, Mrs.  
Roffey, Miss Sawyer, Mrs. Smalley,  
Miss Woo, M.B.E., Mrs. J. R. Wood,  
Mrs. Boylan-Smith, Mrs. Sorby and  
Mrs. W. B. A. Moore. Mrs. Dyer  
acts as hon. treasurer, Mrs. Boylan-  
Smith as badge and literature secre-  
tary, and Mrs. Reed as district  
captain.The Colony had a clean bill  
of health on Tuesday when no case  
of notifiable disease was reported.Shanghai, Sept. 16.—The  
French Mixed Court here has given  
permission to thirteen more Chin-  
ese lawyers to practise in it.It is a rather significant fact  
that, so far as the "N. C. D. N."  
are able to ascertain, whilst all the  
foreign newspapers locally have  
been featuring the Wanchai affair  
as the big news of the moment, not  
a single vernacular newspaper  
locally has been mentioning it.Paris, September 18.—The  
situation in Syria during the last  
two months has considerably im-  
proved. Sultan Atrash has re-  
treated before the vigorous opera-  
tions of the French troops and the  
last of the rebels were ousted from  
Damascus before the end of July.  
The rebels have also been ejected  
from Ghouta.Peking, Sept. 17.—Telegraphic  
advice from Pongpu state that  
Yang Shao-chen, a graduate of the  
First Anhui Provincial Normal  
School, has been executed by  
General Chen Tiao-yuan for send-  
ing an inflammatory letter to a mem-  
ber of the pioneers corps of the  
Anhui Army. According to the  
proclamation issued by General  
Chen, Yang admitted at the court-  
martial that he belonged to the  
Chinese Communist Party and that  
he sent the letter to the soldier for  
the purpose of inciting him and his  
comrades to mutiny.Peking, Sept. 20.—A Russian  
resident in Tientsin, a former Naval  
officer, had an unpleasant expe-  
rience last week. He was cycling  
along Canal Street near the Race  
Course Road bridge, when he came  
across a crowd of Chinese, includ-  
ing two Chinese police, belabouring  
a Russian woman and her son. He  
and a British soldier intervened, and  
endeavoured to prevent further as-  
saults upon the woman, whereupon  
he was arrested, carried off to the  
Chinese police station, where he  
himself was assaulted, and finally  
brought before some Chinese offi-  
cial who after explaining how  
noble and honest all Chinese police-  
men are, fined him five dollars, and  
refused to release him until it was  
paid.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Dr. and Mrs. David Bryan re-  
turned to Chefoo on September 18  
after their holiday at Home and  
have resumed work at Temple Hill  
Hospital.—Our own correspondent.Congratulations go out to Mr. and  
Mrs. P. A. Bruce of the China In-  
land Mission, Chefoo, to whom a  
son was born on Sunday (Septem-  
ber 19) morning.—Our own corre-  
spondent.Chefoo, Sept. 20.—During the last  
week a new Y.W.C.A. secretary, in  
Miss L. Tab, M.A., has arrived from  
Mt. Holyoke College and Columbia  
University, ready to take up her  
duties.—Our own correspondent.Offering service in the Anglican  
church at Chefoo on Sept. 19 were  
devoted to the London Hospital.  
The Rev. T. Darlington preached in  
the morning on "Harvest" and the  
chaplain (the Rev. Mr. Wood) on  
"Thanksgiving" at the evening  
service.Mr. J. Fraser, District Officer  
(North) is about to start a troop  
of Boy Scouts at Taiipo (New Ter-  
ritory) and has already taken steps  
to get the support and interest of  
the local leading residents, es-  
pecially the Chinese. Mr. Fraser  
will always be glad to hear of  
troops going there to camp or will-  
ing to lend a hand.Lt.-Com. O. C. G. Leveson-Gower,  
R.N., H.M.S. "Tamar," has accepted  
the post in connection with the  
Sea Scout Troop vacated by Lt.  
Com. C. R. H. Harvey. He is a  
great walker, and probably, con-  
sidering the short time he has been  
here, has covered more ground in  
the Colony than most of us (says  
the "Silver Wolf") so that if any  
scouts want advice as to good  
routes for hikes, etc., his help is  
likely to prove of great value.The sudden death is announced  
of Mr. R. F. Barker, the well-  
known mining engineer, who re-  
cently retired from the local  
management of Macalister and  
Company. Mr. Barker had re-  
cently returned to Ipoh from a  
visit to Southern Siam. He was  
in the Ipoh Club last Saturday and  
went home and dressed, and was  
about to return for the charities  
ball when he suddenly collapsed  
from heart failure. Mrs. Barker  
and child recently went home.  
The funeral took place at Batu  
Gajah and was largely attended.There was a bright and happy  
assembly at Union Church, Tien-  
tsin, on the 22nd instant, when the  
pastor, the Rev. Thomas Richards,  
was united in matrimony to Mrs.  
Mary Ellen Thomas, daughter of  
the late Rev. and Mrs. T. Morris,  
of Porth, Wales.The Rev. Thomas William  
Cook, Archdeacon of Hastings,  
has been appointed Bishop of  
Lewes in succession to Bishop  
Southwell. The new bishop was  
house master and chaplain at  
Lancing College when he was ap-  
pointed vicar of Holy Trinity,  
Hastings, in 1911. He became  
archdeacon four years ago.Passengers who departed yester-  
day by s.s. "President Jackson" for  
Manila, included Comdr. and Mrs.  
S. A. W. Atkins, Major and Mrs.  
Bratton, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mort  
and Mr. M. M. Axelrod. Included  
among those who departed for  
Shanghai by s.s. "Angkor" were  
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ferguson,  
Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. L. Andrews,  
Mr. I. W. Shawan, Mr. D. C. Bruce,  
Mr. Pendered, Mr. A. H. Rowe and  
Mr. J. Abbo.The late Mr. Alfred Cunningham,  
whose tragic death on Tuesday  
night was reported in yesterday's  
"China Mail" was a "Hong Kong  
boy." After leaving the Diocesan  
Boys' School he was employed locally,  
later going to Manila, Shanghai  
and then returning here. Of a  
cheerful disposition he was well-  
liked by friends everywhere. He  
served with the special Police Re-  
serve last year and was commended  
for assistance in the dramatic  
rescue of a Chinese girl in the Po  
Hung Fong disaster. His death at  
the early age of 29 came as a shock  
to all who knew him and sympathy  
will go out to his brother who is  
employed in a local shipping office  
and to his mother who has lived in  
Hong Kong for a good many years.  
Deceased was of a retiring disposi-  
tion.The prohibition of more than two  
divorces to one individual is ad-  
vocated in Chicago by Judge David  
Brothers, the famous Chicago  
divorce judge, who suggests the  
immediate passage of a new law to  
this effect. "There should be a  
new law instituted forbidding third  
divorces," declared Judge Brothers.  
"Three divorces should indicate  
that a party is not qualified to  
select a life partner—he has made  
three mistakes. Divorces in such  
numbers become an obsession,  
which in its nature is immoral.  
The effect on the rising generation  
is very clear. You cannot stop  
people from marrying, but you can  
stop them from getting divorces.  
Our sacred marriage law has be-  
come a jazz—just as much a pro-  
stitution of morals and ethics as  
jazz is a prostitution of music.  
It is well known that one can get  
a divorce in the morning here and  
be remarried in the afternoon.Lt. Keays, R.N., of H.M.  
"Tamar" has taken the place of Lt.  
Husband-Clutton with the 1st  
Kong Troop of Sea Scouts.London, September 18.—The Ber-  
lin correspondent of the "Daily  
Telegraph," describing the remark-  
able ovation accorded to Rabind-  
ranath Tagore, the Indian poet-  
philosopher, on the occasion of his  
lectures at Hamburg and Berlin,  
remarks that the whole Nationalists  
press loudly applauded Tagore.  
The correspondent explains this as  
being due to the desire of the Ger-  
man industrialists to cultivate the  
good opinion of the Indian intellec-  
tuals as a stepping-stone toward  
the capture of Indian markets.The prohibition of more than two  
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a divorce in the morning here and  
be remarried in the afternoon.Melbourne, August 17.—Mr.  
C. J. Degaris, one of the most re-  
markable Australian business  
men of recent times, was found  
dead at his home in Melbourne  
to-day. He had been asphyxiated.  
Mr. Degaris had arranged an ap-  
pointment with a plumber. When  
the man called at the time arrang-  
ed, noon, he found the house  
locked and a note signed by Mr.  
Degaris saying:—"Cut off the gas  
outside the house. The kitchen  
gas is closed and full of gas.  
You will find me there. Open the  
doors carefully, use no matches,  
and ring up the police and also  
my wife. I fell down on a big  
job yesterday and must pay the  
penalty." The plumber summoned  
the police, who found Mr.  
Degaris dead. The gas stove was  
turned on and he had been alone  
in the house. His wife was stay-  
ing with friends in another  
suburb.

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## A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

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## OUTSTANDING EVENTS.

This week's events of outstanding interest were the dis-  
astrous typhoon and Canton's official announcement of the  
termination of the boycott.Folks at Home often see and hear a great deal about the  
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latives and former residents.

## IS THE BOYCOTT OVER?

In a few days it will be possible to tell whether the  
boycott has ended. All the steps leading up to the decision  
by the Canton Government—together with official com-  
muniquees—are included in this week's issue. Readers are also  
told about the effects in Canton and Hong Kong, and what is  
being done in anticipation of the return to normal conditions.

## "ALL THE NEWS."

As usual, there is not a cable on China or other local  
topical report omitted. Among news of more importance  
are:—Outrages of missionaries of the China Inland Mission,  
foreigners in pirates' hands, perils to men on British steamers  
and warships, latest war developments, &c.Other items include:—Weddings (with photographs),  
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Mr. A. B. Allen, of the New York, has reported to the police that a speedometer on the torpedo workshop of H. M. "Ambrose" yesterday afternoon was found to be broken.

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## People and Events in the Neys of the World



Vincent Villusani, Editor of El Mundo, of Tampico, and President of Mexico, was sent to jail in connection with the church-State struggle.



This shows Catholics praying in a church in Mexico City the last time before the edifice was closed by the Government in the conflict between Church and State.



John R. Hulsell headed the Fort Worth Grand Jury that indicted Rev. J. Frank Norris for the murder of D. E. Chipps.



Just like anyone else would, Mrs. Coolidge had Prudence Prim, the White House pet, show off before children at Plymouth, Vermont.



Morris Roderick Folck, New York broker, and Floria Lalanne, a girl, were married after a month's acquaintance.



Gertrude Ederle, the first woman to swim across the treacherous English Channel.



Lester Boistead, of Minneapolis, winner of the National Public Links Golf Championship at the tournament held at Buffalo, receiving the cup emblematic of this title from the hands of James D. Standish, of Detroit, chairman of the Public Links Division of the U. S. Golf Association.

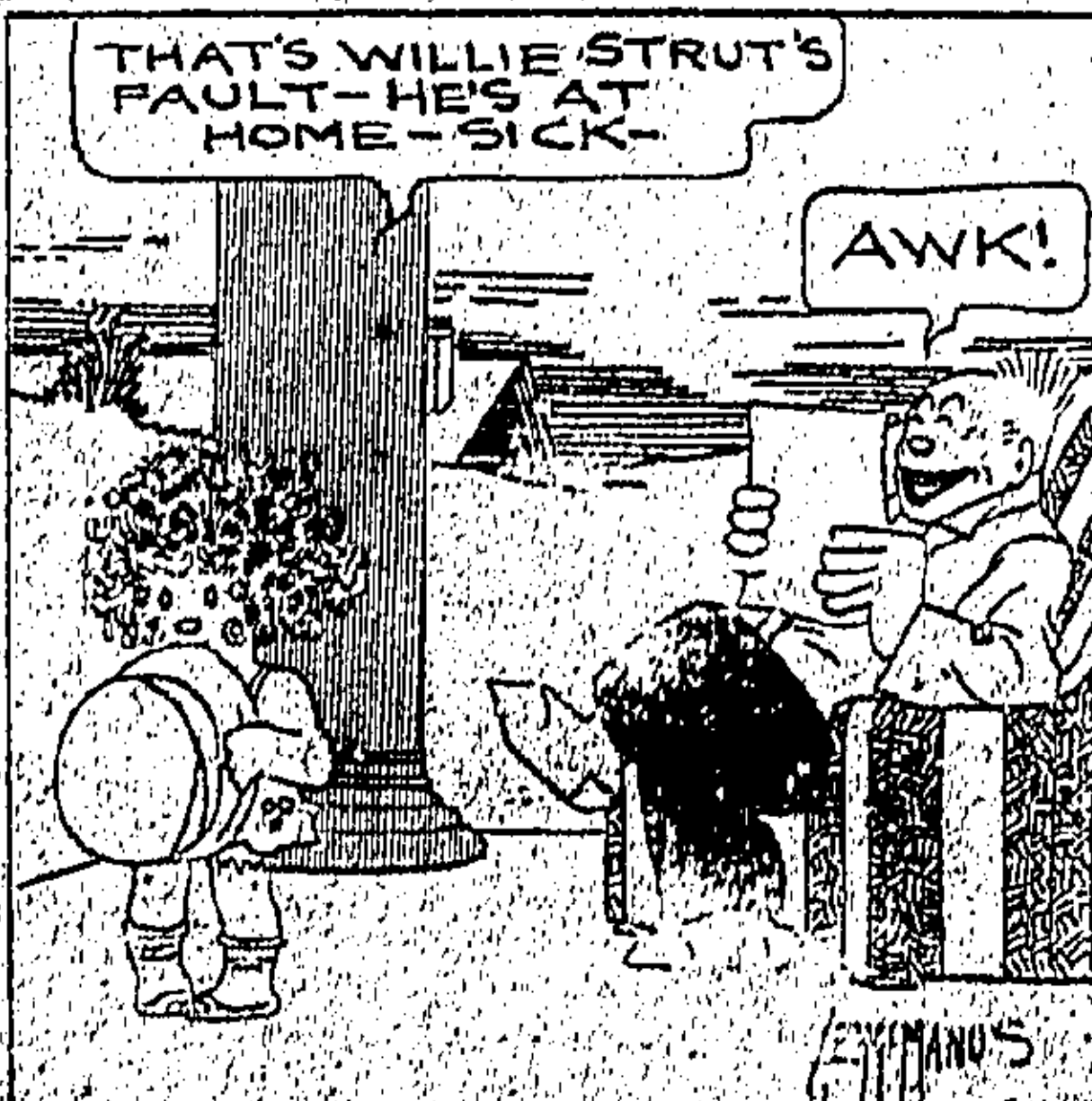


Carl Glaze (14), will be an important witness at the trial of the Rev. Frank Norris, of Fort Worth, Texas, who killed D. E. Chipps. The boy was the only spectator at the shooting.



Alleging that the Mexican Government's campaign against their Church is caused by fear that the Church is educating the masses, Father Fabian, Father Florence and Brother Benedict (left to right), exiles, found a haven at a monastery at Union City, New Jersey.

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## OUR FINANCES.

(Continued from Page 2.)

174. Amount voted for 1926 \$11,000, amount required for 1926 \$24,000—Excess for, which supplementary supply is required \$13,000. Rapid deterioration has taken place at Blake Pier and urgent extensive repairs are required to keep it safe. These repairs are estimated to cost \$22,500 of which \$10,000 will be required in 1926, the balance of \$12,500 being provided in the Estimates for 1927. A further sum of \$1,000 is required in 1926 to meet the cost of general upkeep of piers for the remainder of the year. Necessary additional work for the protection of Queen's Pier earlier in the year involved expenditure of \$5,629 from this vote and the balance is insufficient for this year's requirements.

175. This amount is required for payment of spares for the X-ray Sets. After examining the Ray plant the Electrical Engineer recommends that it is desirable to obtain spares for the Ray Sets. It is also recommended that these spares be obtained by.

176. Amount voted for 1926 nil, amount required for 1926 \$15,000. Supplementary supply required \$15,000.

## Reason.

Present that portion of the Waterloo Road and Argyle Street between the Railway and Hospital is unsurfaced and the sum in question is to provide for metalling and painting a 20 feet strip there. Provision will be made in the Estimates for surfacing the road to full width.

177. Originally intended to do the site of this work in 1927 but it now appears desirable to begin it at once, in view of the need of prompt provision of vehicular access to the Hospital, which the present surface does not afford.

178. It is considered desirable that a monument should purchase the sites Nos. 12, 13, 14 and 15, in the Hong Kong.

A sum of \$100,000 for which provision has not been made in the Estimate for 1926, will be required for this purpose.

It is proposed to reserve this area as an open space in place of an artificial lake, which will be required for the construction of a New Police Station to replace the old No. 8 Station.

Original Estimate \$700,000. Amount expended to end of 1925 \$5,517. Amount voted for 1926 \$200,000. Supplemented by Message No. 3, Jan. 67 \$50,000—\$250,000. Amount required for 1926 \$310,000. Amount for which Supplementary Supply is required \$60,000.

Reasons for excess:— This is an excess on the Vote but not on the estimated cost of the work.

It will be noted that in the previous Message No. 3, Item 67 for \$50,000, the explanation was "The pipes have been ordered through the Crown Agents and it is anticipated that the cost will exceed the sum provided by the amount stated."

At the time the Crown Agents' charges for pipes, freight, etc., had not been received, nor had the full consignments of pipes been delivered. Exceptionally quick delivery, however, has been made and the Crown Agents' accounts have been rendered in record time. Thus additional funds have to be provided to meet this charge during 1926 and payment will not be delayed until 1927 as originally anticipated.

197. Estimated total cost:— Public Works Extraordinary 11 (d) \$20,000, Public Works Extraordinary 11 (e) \$20,000.

Reasons for expenditure:— The rainfall of July 19, proved that the development which has taken place during the past few years in the Wongneicheong and Stubbs Road districts, has seriously interfered with the watershed of these areas, making it imperative to construct additional nullahs. The total cost is \$20,000 for each item. \$5,000 will be required on each item in 1926 other balance will be included in Estimates for 1927.

Amount provided in 1926 Estimates (p. 57 of Estimates) \$500. Amount now considered necessary \$750. Amount now required \$250.

When the 1926 Estimates were framed water samples were collected weekly, but in view of the decision in H.E.'s minute of 22.3.26 in C.S.O. 2466.24, samples have now to be collected daily. It is estimated that this further sum of \$250 will be necessary to cover the increased travelling expenses of collectors until the end of the current year.

Estimate \$14,000. Amount voted for 1926 \$14,000. Supplementary Supply required \$14,000.

In 1924 the purchase of certain Magnetic instruments on the recommendation of the Astronomer Royal. Special non-magnetic buildings are required to house them. It was not originally intended to proceed with this work, which it is estimated will cost \$14,000, in 1926 owing to the financial stringency and no provision was made in Estimates. As however the instruments have arrived and are in danger of deterioration if left in their pack-

ing cases indefinitely, it is considered expedient to proceed with the buildings forthwith and a supplementary vote of \$14,000 is accordingly requested.

An amount of \$2,000 was provided in the 1926 Estimates of which \$1,683.14 has been expended up to 31st July leaving a balance of \$316.86. The average monthly expenditure on this vote is \$300, a sum of \$1,200 would therefore be required to supplement the vote to the end of 1926. The excess is due to large numbers in detention than had been anticipated.

## Summary.

Provided in 1926 Estimates \$2,000. Amount expended to 31.8.26 \$1,683.14. — Balance \$316.86.

Amount required \$300 per month for August to December, 1926, \$1,500. Less Balance \$316.86.—\$1,183.14.

An amount of \$400 was provided in the Estimates of which \$375.20 has been expended up to 15th September leaving a balance of \$24.80. The average monthly expenditure on this vote is \$50, a sum of \$200 would therefore be required to supplement the vote to the end of 1926. A greater amount of interpretation has been necessary in connection with the investigation of cases than had been anticipated.

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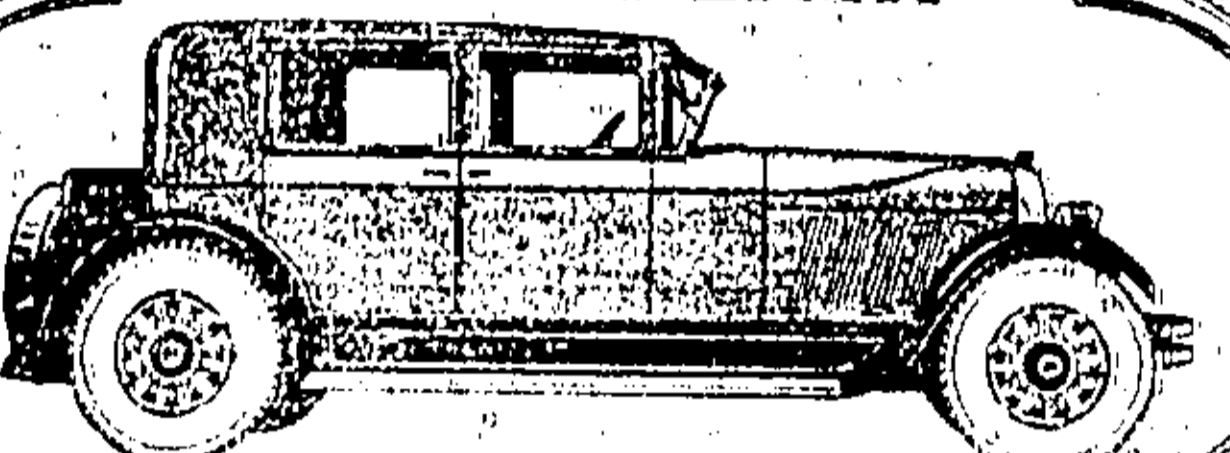
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